

Dear Friend:

Handicap parking is not merely a benefit but a real necessity for people living with disabilities. Here in the Town of Greece, we comply with New York State Laws and ADA regulations to enable individuals with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of society.

Reserved parking for individuals with disabilities ensures safe access to public buildings and facilities across the Town of Greece. This brochure explains the rules and regulations that are enforced and should be observed by all drivers.

Parking reserved for individuals with disabilities is not merely a convenience but a legal requirement. If you are a person with a disability, you can do your part by obtaining a permit or plates designated for those with disabilities. Please don't let family members and friends use your permit if you are not in the vehicle. We ask that all drivers avoid parking in the access aisle or striped area next to a reserved parking space; it is needed for those with wheelchairs and specially equipped vehicles.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to improve the quality of life for all residents. Should you have questions or require further information, please contact the Town of Greece Town Clerk at 225-2000 or visit us online at www.greecenys.gov.

Sincerely,



John T. Auberger
Supervisor



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Frequently Asked Questions



- Q:** Can handicapped parking permits be issued to children?
- A:** Yes. Anyone, regardless of age, who has a qualifying disability, is eligible. Parents or guardians may apply on behalf of a severely disabled child. However, the permit must be issued in the name of the person with the disability, to use only when the disabled person is in the vehicle.
- Q:** Can a permit be revoked?
- A:** Yes, any law enforcement agency may confiscate it and report its misuse to the municipality where it was originally issued.
- Q:** Is there a fine for someone who parks in a parking space or an accessible aisle reserved for disabled persons?
- A:** Yes, the fines are progressive and defined by the municipality.
- Q:** Is the permit valid outside New York State?
- A:** For the most part, New York State honors other states' disabled parking permits and other states honor ours. However, it is recommended that you check with local authorities when visiting other states.
- Q:** What if I lose my permit or it is destroyed?
- A:** You should go back to your local municipal town clerk's office with proper identification. In the event that the permit has been lost a number of times, a doctor's statement may be required.

For more information about obtaining a permit or license plate for parking for disabled persons, please contact the Town of Greece Town Clerk at 585-225-2000.

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Parking Permits and License Plates for People with Disabilities



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Reserved parking for motorists with disabilities ensures safe access to buildings and parks in the Town of Greece. It is your responsibility to respect reserved spaces by using them in accordance with the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

This guide is designed to help you understand the regulations pertaining to the use of parking permits and license plates for people with disabilities.

PARKING PERMITS & PLATES

Reserved parking spaces can be used by persons who have been issued parking permits or license plates for a disability.

Permits are free of charge and are issued by the municipality you live in. Permits are issued to a person, not a vehicle.

A handicapped license plate is issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a vehicle, not a person. The plate cost is determined by the DMV.

TEMPORARY VS. PERMANENT PERMITS

Permits are available for permanent and temporary conditions. A temporary permit is red and valid for a period up to six months, while a permanent permit is blue and valid for up to three years. Information for permanent permit holders must be updated every three years.

OBTAINING PERMITS & PLATES

If you have a qualifying disability, and you want to obtain a parking permit or license plate for reserved parking, you must provide proof in one of the following ways:



- ▶ You and your healthcare provider (MD, OD, or DPM) must complete the MV-664.1 (Application for License Plates or Parking Permits for Persons with Severe Disabilities). This form is available at the Greece Town Hall and website at www.greecenyny.gov, and may be available at your doctor's office.
- ▶ Obtain a statement from a doctor certifying that you have a qualifying disability. The statement must be less than one year old, describe the condition and how it limits your mobility, be on doctor's letterhead, and include the doctor's professional license number and **original signature**.
- ▶ A similar letter from a hospital, clinic or medical facility, the NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped or the NYS Office of Vocational Rehabilitation may also be used as proof.
- ▶ The need for medical verification may be waived if you have an obvious, visually identifiable disability (such as a loss of a limb).
- ▶ If you already have license plates for persons with severe disabilities and would like to renew your license, fill out Part 1 of the MV-664.1 form and attach a copy of your registration. If you have custom plates for persons with severe disabilities, bring a photo of your plate showing the wheelchair symbol to the DMV.

PARKING PERMIT RULES

- ▶ **Parking permits for disabled persons can only be used by the person to whom the permit was issued, whether that person is the driver or passenger**
- ▶ The permit may not be altered. For example, the expiration date may not be changed.
- ▶ The permit cannot be copied.
- ▶ The permit must be displayed when parked in a reserved space. It must be hung on the rear-view mirror or placed on the dash (if no mirror). The permit must be removed from the mirror when leaving the parking space.
- ▶ Those convicted of a parking infraction shall be subject to suspension of the permit and possible fines.

CONSEQUENCES OF PERMITS & PLATE MISUSE

The most common misuse of a parking permit or license plate is when someone other than the person with the disability uses the permit in a space reserved for people with disabilities.

Making a false statement or giving false information on an application for license plates is a misdemeanor and is punishable by fines. These penalties apply to applicants as well as doctors providing certifications.

Respecting Reserved Spaces Requires You To Please Remember...

- ▶ **Never park in the access aisle or striped area next to a reserved parking space. It is not a parking space. This area is designated for access by people with wheelchairs and specially-equipped vehicles.**
- ▶ Don't allow others to use your permit or plates.
- ▶ Use reserved spaces only if you have these plates or this permit, and only when the person with a disability is driving or riding in the vehicle.
- ▶ Apply for handicapped parking permits or license plates for people with disabilities only if you have a qualifying disability.
- ▶ Permits and plates do not exempt you from parking regulations or fees.
- ▶ Don't drive with a permit hanging on the rear view mirror as it impedes visibility.

